

## **Old Berlin Cemetery: Orphan Gravestones, Annotated**

### **Summary:**

The following is an illustrated list of all the gravestones noted as “orphaned”, i.e., removed from their original locations (now unknown), and deposited on the slope at the northern end of the cemetery.

There are 35 such orphaned headstones, footstones, and head stone fragments in this group.

However, this does NOT include other fragments of stones, gravestone bases, etc., that are scattered elsewhere through the cemetery unless specifically noted. There approximately 66 such fragments and base pieces.

The orphans can be separated into three groups:

- 1. Eleven markers, potentially associated by family name with other existing family groups in situ elsewhere in the cemetery.**
  - a. If these orphans are added to existing family groupings or orphaned footstones are added to similar headstones, they need to be clearly marked as only probable associations.
- 2. Ten markers, potentially associated by family name (or footstone with initials to a similar named headstone) with other orphans not in situ.**
  - a. If these orphans are reset together as a grouping, they need to be clearly marked as only probable associations.
- 3. Fourteen orphans with no association to any other headstone, footstone, or in situ marker.**
  - a. These orphans will be grouped in the memorial section and marked clearly as not in their original locations.
  - b. See notes on installation below: the memorial area will need a minimum of 74 square feet for installation, plus spacing for viewing, aesthetics and mowing/maintenance access.

### **Installation and spacing**

Upright tablets and obelisks:

For general planning purposes, the average tablet, die, or obelisk noted below which can be set upright will require a new setting foundation approximately 3.5'x 1.5' (5.25 square feet). These should be spaced appropriately for viewing, aesthetics and mowing/maintenance access.

Footstones:

For general planning purposes, the average footstone noted below which can be set upright will require a new setting foundation approximately 1'x1' (1 square foot). These should be spaced appropriately for viewing, aesthetics and mowing/maintenance access.

Broken headstones or footstones:

While broken headstones can be mended, extremely old and fragile stones or stones less than 2" thickness cannot always be fixed with standard internal metal pins and adhesive.

Alternate methods such as horizontal mounting on a slab or upright mounting with an armature may be possible.

The slab mounting technique would obviously require much more space for installing the gravestones, but would be more resistant to future accidents or vandalism.



Armature used to support cracked headstone.



Broken gravestone mounted on concrete base.

## Orphans potentially associated with other existing family groups:



associated with this?



E. B. B., Marble, Foot stone, 1'x1'x0.25',  
Fallen, needs to be reset,  
Orphaned, but possibly associated with Elizabeth Barger family group?



associated with these?



S. E., Marble, Foot stone, 1'x0.5'x0.25',  
Fallen, needs new setting,  
Orphaned, but possibly associated with the Elliot obelisk and base in situ?



associated with this?



C. W. C. H., Marble, Foot stone, 2x.5x.5,  
J. E. H., Marble, Foot stone, 1x0.5x0.25,  
L. J. H., Marble, Foot stone, 2x.5x.5,  
Fallen, need new settings  
Orphaned, but possibly associated w Haller obelisk



House, Charles M., August 11?, 187?, Marble, Tablet, 2x1x.25,  
Fallen, broken 2 pcs, missing pieces, needs repair and new setting.  
Orphaned, but note other House stones in situ elsewhere – add to family grouping?



Kidwell, Cecelia A. Feb 14, 1899, Marble, Die, 2x1.5x0.5,  
 Fallen, needs new setting  
 Orphaned, but note other Kidwells in situ elsewhere – add to family grouping?



Shaller, Sophia C. Kidwell. Dec 1 1871, Marble, Tablet, 2x1x.25,  
 Fallen, needs new setting.  
 Orphaned, but is clearly the daughter of Cecelia Kidwell. Both stones may be  
 associated with other Kidwell family grouping?



possibly associated with this base?

Ray, Margaret A.R. Oct 29 1871 & Ray, Eliza Jan 31 1851 & Ray, William W. May 8  
 1878 & Ray, William J. Apr 1 1885, Marble, Obelisk, 4x1x1,  
 Fallen, needs new setting.  
 Orphaned, but should it be associated with the Ray family plot and the empty base  
 stones?



Ridenbaugh, Samuel J. July 3, 1912, Marble, Die, 3x2x0.5,  
 Fallen, needs new setting  
 Orphaned, but note that there are other Ridenbaugh family elsewhere in the  
 cemetery. Should this be added to family grouping?



Shilling, John. Sept 8, 1890, Marble, Tablet, 2.5x1x0.25,  
Fallen, broken 2 pcs, repair and new setting  
Orphaned – note other Shilling family still in situ in other section of cemetery.  
Should this be added to existing family group?

**Orphans potentially associated with other orphans (not with existing family groups)**



Leopold, John H., Feb? 30, 1877, Marble, Tablet, 2.5x1x0.25  
Leopold, Julia A., July 1, 185?8, Marble, Tablet, 3x1x.25  
Fallen, needs new setting.  
Orphaned, but similarities in carving and names suggest this is a married couple.  
The stones should be reset together.



Rench, John H. Dec 6 1877, Marble, Die, 3x2x0.5,  
J. H. R., Marble, Foot stone, 2x1x.25, Fallen, Reset  
Fallen, needs new setting.  
Both headstone and footstone are orphaned, but similarities suggest they belong together.



Scoberger, Martha E. Jun 1, 1899, Marble, Slant face die, 1.5x1.5x1  
M. E. S., Marble, Foot stone, 2x1x.25,  
Fallen, needs new setting.  
Both are orphaned, but matching initials suggest they may be associated.



Watkins, James w. Oct 19 1880, Marble, Die, 3x1.5x.25,  
Fallen, broken into 2 pieces. Repair and new setting.

Watkins, John w. Jan 24,1932, Marble, Die, 2x1.5x0.5,  
Fallen, missing 10%, needs new setting.

These two are both orphaned but family name suggests they should be reset together.



Sicafoose, Helen. March 17 1871, Marble, Die, 3x2x0.5,  
Fallen, missing 10%, needs new setting.  
H. S., Marble, Foot stone, 1x0.5x0.25,  
Fallen, needs new setting.

Both are orphaned, similarity of initials suggests that they are associated. They could also be - possibly associated with Helen Sigafoose?

### **Orphans with no other association**



?, Marble, Tablet, 2.5x1x.25,  
Fallen, needs setting



?, Marble, Tablet, 2x1x.25,  
Fallen, needs setting





?, Delphia. Feb 9? 1892, Marble, Obelisk, 2x0.75x0.75,  
Fallen, needs setting



?, mar 8, 1878, Marble, Die, 1x1x0.5,  
Fallen, missing 50%, needs setting



Braret (sp.), Sarah. Sept 2?, 1883, Marble, Tablet, 3x1x.25,  
Fallen, needs setting



Butcher, John. Mar 28 ?, Marble, Tablet, 2x1x.25,  
Fallen, broken 2 pcs, needs repair, setting



Darr, William E. Jan 9 1889, Marble, Die, 2.5x1x0.25,  
Fallen, missing 10%, needs setting



Huller?, C? Feb 19? 1892?, Marble, Tablet, 1.5x1x0.25,  
Fallen, needs setting



Musgrove, 2 unnamed infants. Aug 1877, Marble, Tablet, 2x1x.25,  
Fallen, needs setting



W. L. D., Marble, Foot stone, 0.5x0.5x0.25,  
Fallen, missing 50%, needs setting



Rhodes (sp.), illegible. Nov 14, 1874, Marble, Tablet, 2x1.5x.25,  
Fallen, Reset, needs setting



Ridenour, Charles. Sep 4 1863, Marble, Tablet, 3x1.5x.25,  
Fallen, broken 3 pcs, needs repair, setting



Short, John E., June 5, 1877, Marble, Tablet, 2x1x.25,



Fallen, needs setting



Snyder, Charles W. Apr 19 1906, Marble, Tablet, 2x1x.25,  
Fallen, broken 2 pcs, needs repair, setting